

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:

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For: NANOCARBON PRODUCTION  
APPARATUS AND NANOCARBON  
PRODUCTION METHOD

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Examiner: D. C. McCracken

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following remarks.

**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.